

Neighborhood Safety Facts & Tips

Help keep our community safe and secure with these practical reminders and safety guidelines:

Vehicle Safety: **Don't loiter in your vehicle** or leave it running—especially at gas stations or when warming it up during colder months.

Online Sales Safety: **Beware of scams** on Facebook Marketplace and other resale sites. Meet in public places like busy parking lots or local police sub-stations. Bring someone with you.

1. Secure Your Home

Fact: Most burglaries occur between 10 AM and 3 PM when homes are empty. **Tips:** Always lock doors and windows—even when home. Use deadbolts and motion-sensor lighting around entry points.



2. Know Your Neighbors

Fact: Close-knit communities experience less crime. **Tips:** Exchange contact info with trusted neighbors. Keep an eye on each other's homes, especially during vacations.

3. Report Suspicious Activity

Fact: Many crimes go unreported. **Tips:** Report suspicious activity to 911 or the non-emergency number. Every report helps track crime in the area.

4. Keep Your Neighborhood Well-Lit

Fact: Criminals are less likely to target well-lit areas. **Tips:** Install outdoor and motion-activated lights. Keep front porch light on overnight.

5. Pet & Animal Safety

Fact: Unrestrained pets can cause safety issues or become injured. **Tips:** Keep pets leashed. Pick up after them. Know who to call for stray or dangerous animals.

Let's work together to create a safer, more connected neighborhood!

Home Maintenance tips for the coming winter:

- Have your heating system cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified technician.
- Replace your furnace filter in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- Insulate water pipes in areas exposed to freezing temperatures.
- Check gutters for damage and confirm they're securely attached to the house.
- Clean gutters and downspouts to keep debris from accumulating, especially leaves.
- Check and repair caulking around doors and windows that show signs of deterioration.
- Have your chimney cleaned and maintained by a professional.
- Clean the clothes dryer exhaust duct and space under and behind the dryer. Remove lint and dust that may have accumulated inside the dryer.
- Check electrical outlets for loose-fitting plugs or receptacles. Don't overload electrical outlets.
- Keep a fire extinguisher accessible.
- Inspect your smoke detectors. You should have a smoke detector in each bedroom, in the hallway outside each sleeping area and on each floor of your home. Change the battery annually.

